

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 7th
SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.00p.m.IN THE COUNCIL CENTRE

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- Present Cllrs Sir JFS Graham, P Rollen, G Routledge, M Gardner, M Gunson, C Adams, City Cllrs R Bloxham, J Mallinson, County Cllr V Tarbitt.
- Apologies Minute No 570 Apologies for absence received from
Cllr R Boguszinski (holiday)
Cllr S Winthrop (holiday)
- Declaration of Interest Minute No 571 Declaration of interest -
Cllr MG- Allotments
District Cllr RB - all planning on the agenda
- Minutes of 6th July Minute No 572 The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th July were agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.
- Members of public Minute No 573 The chairman welcomed Mr Hannah to the meeting, attending to voice concern on planning application Ref No 15/0738. The councils understanding was that the proposed increase in the length of the blade turbines would not alter the overall height; adjustment in the height of the pivot would accommodate this. Clerk to get confirmation on this point. Councillors agreed to request a meeting with the planning authority, CCC Highways and the developers to address concerns relating to transporting the blades and turbines as the clerk had been informed by the developers these would be transported overnight, clarity of whether street furniture and safety barriers would need to be removed, and the disruption on the town during this process. Mr Hannah to be kept updated.
Cllr MGu asked for a progress report on dental provision, no progress to date.
Cllr CA requested the BMX track be maintained, this was agreed.
- Police Minute No 574 No monthly police newsletter received.
Criminal damage to the see saw at the riverside play area reported to the clerk on the 27th August, this had been removed. Reported and logged with the police.
Mr Crozier was experiencing problems with youths at Eskbank, police were aware of the problem. Mr Crozier asked for the play area and riverside to be monitored over the next month and that a meeting is arranged with the police and parish council to address the anti-social behaviour problems if they continue.
The police had been made aware of 3 allotment holders experiencing criminal damage and theft.

Report from County
and City Councillors
Minute No 575

County Cllr VT gave following update.

- Requested in future, if unable to attend a meeting and forwarding an update for council by e-mail that the contents are minuted in full rather than circulated and noted as received.
- Residents around Hallburn were concerned that chicken waste was being composed on the Hallburn farm site and chippings were being stored in large quantities and transported by trucks from the site. Cllr RB confirmed the Enforcement Officer was looking into these issues.

City Cllr RB gave following update

- There had been problems in some areas of Carlisle of travellers parking up in unauthorised areas.
- Suggested asking the police to consider allocating the speed camera van to Longtown on occasions to address the problem. Cllr MGu made councillors aware of a petition circulating in the town asking for speed safety measures to be put in place.

City Cllr JM referred to the Dumfries and Galloway Strategic Reinforcement Project and the importance of those with concerns to attend the consultation events and register their issues.

Report from
representatives on
other bodies Minute
No 576

Community Centre

Cllr GR reported that mindful of the City Council grant being reduced in an increment staged reduction over the next 3 years trustees had met to agree the preferred option in managing the loss. "Community Matters" were giving advice on how to increase income. Information given on future planned events, some dates had been rescheduled.

Allotment Committee

Cllr MGu reported the Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show had been a great success.

In her role as CCC Veterans Champion Cllr VT asked the parish council to consider supporting an initiative that any veteran moving in to the district would be given an allotment as therapy and not have to go onto the waiting list. To be discussed as an agenda item at next meeting.

Notice of conclusion
of Audit Minute No
577

Under the Audit Commission Act 1998 the External audit certificate and report from BDO had been received stating, "On the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information on the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met".

Riverside Cumbria
play areas Minute
No 578

The proposals from Riverside Cumbria which would form the basis to transfer to the parish council by means of a leasehold agreement the play areas located at Raefield, The Square and Moor Crescent together with the play equipment were considered. Agreed there were a number of concerns and before any further consideration given on the transfer the council would seek legal advice and opinion on the proposed conditions.

Churchyard
grasscutting Minute
No 579

Notes of the meeting held on the 17th August attended by the Chair, Vice Chair, Reverend R Tague and James Bell, Rectors Warden, distributed prior to the meeting for consideration.

It was proposed that in future years a grant is given towards the grass cutting of the churchyard. This would be the sum of £3,800 for 2016/17 followed by a fixed grant of £4,000 for the following 3 or 4 years. This would be considered by APCC and acceptance confirmed by them in November. It was hoped that the current high standard of maintenance would continue.

Clerks report Minute
No 580

The monthly report of issues reported and action taken by the clerk circulated with the agenda. The following were noted from the meeting.

- Fly tipping was currently a problem around the town.
- Cllr RB kindly offered to pay for the purchase of a more robust oak tree to replace the one damaged at The Bobbin Mill Garden.
- The sub post officer had been made aware that Spar had withdrawn from discussions that the post office be relocated in their shop. Royal Mail had not confirmed this or updated on alternative options being considered.

Meeting with CCC
Highways Minute No
581

The clerk had met with Sarah Steele, CCC Highways to request white parking bay lines for Esk Street, Swan Street and Netherby Street to improve and increase parking capacity in the centre of the town. Financial restraints would determine whether CCC could agree to the request. No decision received to date.

Road safety meeting
Minute No 582

Notes of the meeting held on the 20th August circulated with agenda. Agreed the clerk would get costs for an independent highways traffic survey to be carried out, Cllr VT kindly offered to contribute towards the cost if the council decided to go ahead with this. It was also agreed to invite someone to attend a future meeting to give an indication of cost and options available to install flashing lights at the entrances to the town on the A7. Cllr GR expressed a need for short term measures to be put in place in the interim and it was agreed to ask the police for loan of the mobile Speed Indication Device.

Water safety
Minute No 583

Cllr GR outlined recommendations of measures to address future water safety.

- To purchase additional life buoy and rope, and spares, to be sited at the bottom of the steps on The Scaur.
- To put a map on the parish council website showing the location of life saving equipment at the riverside
- To consider how to work with the appropriate agencies to deliver training and raise awareness and education in schools.

County Cllr VT offered to contribute towards the cost, these to be confirmed.

All proposals agreed by the council.

Street naming
Minute No 584

Local Government Act 1985 Street naming and numbering. Reference to the proposal to build 13 houses on land adjacent to Lochinvar Close, the City Council had received a proposal that the development be named 1-11 Claudine Murray Street and 3a,4a Lochinvar Close. Following consideration it was agreed the council preference remained Moorlands Park as suggested in previous consultation. As Miss Murray lived in Scaurbank House it was thought that as there was planning permission for a housing development in the field adjacent to this property this would be a more appropriate location to name after her.

Dumfries and
Galloway Strategic
Reinforcement
project Minute No
585

Correspondence received from Mr Westoll voicing concern and asking the council to consider writing to in support of his objection to SPEN proposal. Council agreed to await the information in the second round of consultation in early 2016 when the proposals will be developed after review of the first round consultation. Cllrs preferred option was visually it would be better if the cables were underground.

Festive celebrations
Minute No 586

A progress report was distributed prior to the meeting and the following considered.

- 4 quotes were received to provide Christmas dinner for the senior citizens party on the 18th December.
 1. Graham Arms Hotel £10
 2. Skitby House £9.50
 3. Sandwich Box £9.50
 4. Sycamore Tree café £6.00Agreed to accept the lowest quote from The Sycamore Tree
- Helper's names confirmed.
- The clerk gave an inventory of festive displays currently stored at MOD Depot Longtown. Agreed the Santa and star displays be stored in the Moot Hall and the 2 bells be transported by Cllr M Ga to Sandysikes, he would store them and the council explore 2 options. If the bells were in a restorable condition Cllr MG to undertake getting them shot blasted and painted. If not in a repairable condition they would be sold for scrap value.
- Pantomime to be advertised with official posters and tickets being delivered towards the end of September. Flyers to be distributed in advance to all children through Longtown Primary School on agreement with the Head teacher.
- Date of next Christmas Lights Working Group confirmed for Monday 28th September at 7pm in the Council Rooms.
- Fundraising music evening at the Community Centre confirmed Friday 9th October, tickets £4 including sandwiches, raffle.
- Due to a shortage of volunteers the proposed fund raising coffee morning on the 26th September would not go ahead.
- County Cllr VT kindly offered to support the cost of the party with a grant of £300.

Council vacancy

Correspondence received Robert Dixon expressing an interest in filling a vacancy on the council. Agreed unanimously that Mr Dixon is co-opted

onto the council.

CONSULTATION

1. Appn. Ref. 15/0808 Erection of 4no. holiday units Carwinley Mill House Longtown Supportive of Local business growth

2. Appn ref.15/0635 Proposed extension for dry cow cubicle unit to form calving boxes and feed area. Fauld Farm Longtown Supported

3. Appn. Ref 15/0738 Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans to alter blade length on turbines to 97 metres, maximum tip height is retained to 126.5m) and 20 (radar mitigation scheme condition to be amended to allow discharge of the condition prior to the erection of the turbines as opposed to prior to thffe commencement of the development) of previously approved permission 13/0865 Land at Hallburn Farm Hallburn Longtown

Supported on confirmation that the height of the turbines are not increased. Highways concerns raised, the disruption to the residents in transporting the blades to the site, transporting during the night and possible removal of street furniture to accommodate the transport vehicles noted. Agreed to request a meeting with City Council planning officer, Cumbria County Council Highways, and the developers to address these concerns and receive an update on the plans.

DECISION

1. Appn Ref 15/0420 Erection of two storey side extension to provide dining and family room on ground floor with 2no. bedrooms above 39 Stackbraes Road Longtown Grant permission

2. Appn Ref 15/0473 Refurbishment and restoration of existing stables complex including stalls, Coach House, meeting room and grooms accomadation, rebuilding of north east corner of courtyard to provide 1no. Dwelling reconfiguration of layout to 3no. Existing flats and alterations to "The Coach House" Netherby Hall, Longtown. Grant permission.

3. Appn Ref 15/0498 Installation of waste water package treatment plant 2no. Rain recycled water storage tanks, equipment washing facilities and loading bay. Woodlands Whitesike Longtown Grant permission

4 Appn Ref 15/0315 Erection of 4no. dwellings land to the south of Gardeners cottage, Netherby Hall Longtown Grant permission

CORRESPONDENCE

1. ACT - Rural Briefing- Rural Patient Transport information received.
2. Cumbria County Council Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Section 14(2) notification of urgent road closure U1064 Low Hallburn Longtown from 8th September for a maximum of 5 days. Alternative routes publicised.

3. CALC Circular for September copied to all in attendance.
4. Longtown Flower Show thankyou letter for donation for best kept allotment prizes.

ACCOUNTS
OCTOBER Minute
No 589

Cheque	Rec	Paid to	
		AUGUST	
DD		Ioomi- website update	78.00
703764	27	I Ward- internal audit	150.00
703765		K Johnson- clerk salary	1,754.31
703766		Inland Revenue - income tax, N.I.	569.11
703767		R Highmore- Council Rooms cleaner	68.33
703768	28	Cochranes nurseries- bedding plants	1,267.80
703769	29	E Mylnek- cut down willow tree	120.00
703770	30	D Beatty - riverside and bus shelter cleaning	402.00
703771	31	T Moore - clean milestone	20.00
703772		K Johnson - reimburse laptop repair	25.00
703773	31	Glasdon UK - lifebuoys	43.20
703774	32	J Reid - window cleaning	48.00
703775		Petty cash -festive requirements	100.00
703776	33	Eon electric bill Council Rooms	117.93
703777	34	Eon electric bill Changing rooms	492.76
703778	35	Eon electric bill Moot Hall	35.47
		SEPTEMBER	1,650.00
DD		Ioomi website update	78.00
703779	36	United Utilities water bill Council centre	154.71
703780	37	Brampton skip hire - playing field	156.00
703781	38	Wicksteed- 3 swing seats	253.90
703782		K Johnson- clerk salary	1,754.31
703783		R Highmore - Council Rooms cleaner	68.33
703784	39	D Beatty - riverside and bus pick up area and shelter cleaning	352.00
703785		Inland Revenue - income tax, N.I.	569.11
703786	40	Equip4work -notice board for Easton	258.00
703787	41	D Beatty - cleaning play area Lochinvar Close	40.00
703788	42	BDO -external audit fee	360.00